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1. [redacted] vessel visited the port of Batumi in October and November 1954. At the outermost shipyard, 15 to 20 naval vessels were usually observed. Some of these vessels were hauled out on slips; others, painted with a coat of red lead, were in the water, but most of the vessels seemed to be under command. Each vessel was about 150 feet long, steel hulled, with a flush deck, and had one gun on the foredeck, one funnel, one gun on the afterdeck, and paravanes on the afterdeck. [redacted]

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2. About 20 motor torpedo boats lay farther in than this shipyard. They were about 70 feet long and had two exhaust pipes in the stern. Their [redacted]

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3. Eight to ten small motor boats were observed constantly patrolling in the harbor. Some of them patrolled the area from the harbor entrance to the botanical gardens east of the harbor. They were about 25 feet long, with a speed up to 25 knots.

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4. On the north side of the oil harbor there were three oil piers; on the east side there were two. The southeastern corner of the harbor basin was used by lighters, tugs, and other small vessels. The quay directly south of the harbor entrance was used by large passenger vessels. The area west of the passenger vessel quay was under development. Two dredges were observed at work. The railroad tracks on the quay were being taken up, and overpasses torn down. It was learned that a new quay with a storage shed was to be built in the area. A new shore promenade also will extend through this area.

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5. Two shipyards were observed in the western part of the harbor. One shipyard with four slips was located just inside Mys Burun Tabiya (N 41-39, E 41-38). The other shipyard was located directly west of the entrance lighthouse. It had two or three slips.

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